

MI Great Bay, Inc. Meeting Notes
Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Present: Lori Amo, Clark Elftman, Mike Evanoff, Chuck Frost (via conference call), Jim Koski and Shirley Roberts

Shirley called the group to order at 1:05 p.m. and reminded those present we agreed to dedicate this meeting to organizational structure.

By-Laws:

The majority of the discussion revolved around draft By-Laws developed by Jim Hergott. The revised document is attached. Additions are indicated in bold and underlined type.

Those present questioned the necessity of paragraphs 5.5.3 Expenses and 5.5 Advancement of Expenses. All agreed more input from others on the committee and formal review by an attorney are required before approving By-Laws.

Membership:

Following much discussion, it was agreed the Board of Directors should be comprised of no more than two (2) representatives of each of the six (6) participating counties. Representatives will be gleaned from destination marketing organizations, chambers of commerce, economic development corporations or may be appointed by county boards of commissioners.

An Executive Committee will consist of one representative of each participation county and the President of the organization.

Other:

- The MDEQ (per Jim Bredin) has again requested a federal earmark for \$520,000 to support the Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative. \$40,000 has been requested for “tourism promotion coordination.”
- East Central Michigan Planning & Development Region is promoting a “Regional Non-Motorized Trails Charrette” on February 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Bay County Community Center. Discussion will focus on the counties of Arenac, Bay and Saginaw. (Contact Anamika Laad; 989.797.0800; anamikallad@hotmail.com)
- Brandon Schroeder, Michigan Sea Grant, is coordinating a meeting of charter boat fishermen and tourism professionals to develop a “marketing message/strategy for the Lake Huron fishery.”
- The agenda for the next MI Great Bay meeting (February 27) should include the following: (1) Revised By-Laws, (2) Funding, (3) Watershed Initiative Network grant proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Shirley Roberts
Recorder